

Major General Richard C. Longo

Deputy Commanding General, Initial Military Training



Major General Richard C. Longo assumed duties as the Deputy Commanding General for Initial Military Training, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Ft Monroe, Virginia, on 9 March 2011. As DCG-IMT, he is responsible for standardizing, refining, and assessing training for initial entry Soldiers, recently commissioned and appointed junior officers, and warrant officers at 27 installations across the United States. He is charged with growing Soldiers and junior leaders who embody the Army Values and exemplify the Warrior Ethos. He leads IMT's mission to develop Soldiers who are adaptable, physically prepared, and consistently trained in the fundamentals, ensuring they are prepared to immediately contribute to their first unit of assignment.

Major General Longo previously served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, TRADOC. In this capacity, he directed command-wide plans, priorities, and operations and provided policy, guidance, and strategies to develop and sustain Army training and leader development systems.

Prior to arriving at Ft Monroe, MG Longo served as the Director of Training, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, Headquarters, Department of the Army, in Washington, DC.

Major General Longo is an artillery officer who has commanded at all levels, including the 1st Infantry Division Artillery, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany, through their combat deployment in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM II. Additionally, he commanded 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery (MLRS), Ft Sill, Oklahoma, and at the battery level with 1st Battalion, 333rd Field Artillery, Wiesbaden, Germany. MG Longo also served as the Deputy Commander/Assistant Commandant, U.S. Army Field Artillery Center and School, Ft Sill.

Major General Longo's other assignments include duty Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, Pacific; Executive Officer to the Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe; G-3, III Corps Artillery; Chief, Operations Division, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch, Germany; Executive Officer in 2d Battalion, 82d Field Artillery, and Deputy Fire Support Coordinator for the 1st Cavalry Division at Ft Hood, Texas; Assistant Fire Support Coordinator for III Corps, Ft Hood; Plans Officer and Secretary of the General Staff in III Corps Artillery, Ft Sill. He also served as an Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Major General Longo was commissioned in 1980, after graduating from Furman University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He also holds a Master's degree in Economics from the University of Oklahoma and in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

His military education includes Field Artillery Officers' Basic Course, Infantry Officers' Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He is also a recipient of the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

Major General Longo is married and has four children.